of its origins and motivations posed one of the most serious threats to international peace and security. They agreed that it should be combated in a consistent, sustained and comprehensive manner without any double standards.

(d) The three countries do not have any specific trilateral agreement.

Attacks on Sikhs in U.K.

399. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the incidences of assaults in the UK following the explosions on 7th July, 2005 in tube rails and public bases at London, against the members of the Sikh community, in particular;

(b) if so, the details of the incidences obtained from the Government of UK till date; and

(c) the actions initiated, if any, for ensuring protection of persons and their religious places by the UK administration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Following the 7th July 2005 terrorist bomb blasts in London, there have been reports of isolated incidents of minor attacks against Gurdwaras in South London, Kent and Leeds. No major damage has been reported.

(c) Government of India expressed deep shock at reports about attacks on the places of Sikh worship in the UK. It appealed to the British Government to take all necessary steps to apprehend the perpetrators of these attacks and protect the Sikh community. The British authorities have assured that they would work with community leaders to ensure safety and security of all communities.

Dilution in India's stand for Security Council Seat

400. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been **a** dilution of our stand for permanent membership in U.N. Security Council; and